High Courts against compensations awarded by the various Motor Vehicle Tribunals thus causing great hardships to the road accident victims;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct the State Governments to withdraw the cases pending in the High Courts for more than two years and make the payments of the compensations awarded by the Motor Vehicle Tribunals promptly; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government. However, as per provisions of Section 173 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, any person aggrieved by an award of a Claims Tribunal may, within 90 days from the date of award, prefer an appeal to the High Court. Keeping in view the existing legal provisions, Government do not propose to issue directions to the State Governments to withdraw the cases pending in the High Courts.

Allocation of CRF to States

2615. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned under the Central Road Fund to different States during last three years;

(b) the amounts utilised, State-wise;

(c) the sanctions during the current year 1998-99, State-wise; and

(d) the details of guidelines under which sanctions are given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) A statement indicating the allocation of funds under Central Road Fund (CRF) to various States is annexed. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) Allocation of funds under CRF is done on lumpsum basis having regard to the accruals on the basis of consumption of petrol in respective States, schemes sanctioned and the availability of funds. State Govts. utilise the amount for the schemes sanctioned under CRF. It may be mentioned that CRF is a non-lapsing fund and the balance/unspent funds do not lapse at the end of financial year and can be utilised in the subsequent years. Case relating to allocation of funds for the current year is under consideration.

Statement

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State/Uts.	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Andhra Pradesh	149.00	177.00	312.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	21.00	18.00	39.00
4.	A & N Island	0.00	3.00	4.00
5.	Bihar	25.00	10.00	10.00
6.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	61.00

Sl. No.	Name of State/Uts.	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
7.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.	Daman Due	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.	Delhi	0.00	104.00	106.00
10.	Goa	0.00	7.00	7.00
11.	Gujarat	139.00	114.00	116.00
12.	Haryana	138.00	112.00	130.00
13.	Himachal Pradesh	2.00	1.00	25.00
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00	5.00
15.	Karnataka	110.00	170.00	266.00
16.	Kerala	17.00	6.00	321.00
17.	Madhya Pradesh	74.00	98.00	99.00
18.	Maharashtra	172.00	62.00	63.00
19.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	13.00
20.	Meghalaya	1.00	0.00	0.48
21.	Mizoram	1.00	1.00	10.49
22.	Nagaland	6.00	2.00	2.15
23.	Orissa	4.00	2.00	2.15
24.	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00
25.	Punjab	213.00	202.00	343.00
26.	Rajasthan	57.00	51.00	133.00
27.	Sikkim	1.00	0.00	0.67
28.	Tamil Nadu	129.00	78.00	309.00
29.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.19
30.	Uttar Pradesh	111.00	173.00	334.00
31.	West Bengal	130.00	108.00	145.00
	TOTAL:	1500.00	1499.00	2857.00

Double laning of National Highway in North-Eastern Region

2616. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan contemplated by Government for development/ expansion of double laning of National Highways running in the North-East Region specially for the non-railway head States; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme on State-wise basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present widening to two lanes in selected stretches is contemplated as follows:

ASSAM	—	166KM
MANIPUR	—	286KM
MEGHALAYA	—	65Km
MIZORAM	—	152Km

The work will be taken up in phases depending upon availability of fund.

Assistance from World Bank for Development of Roads

2617. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has been providing financial assistance for the con-